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INTERIM

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

ACTING MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

J. Leslie R. Philip. M.B. Ch.B.

for the year

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

1942 - 1943.

His Worship The Mayor (Alderman S.G.Tydeman J.P.)

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Acting Medical Officer of Health.

J. Leslie R. Philip. M.B. Ch.B.

Sanitary Inspector.

E. McC. Taylor. Cert S.I.B.,A.R.S.I.,M.S.I.A.,
Qualified Inspector of Meat & other Foods.

BOROUGH OF MALDON.

To the Mayor, Aldermen, Councillors and Burgesses of the Borough of Maldon.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Interim Annual Report on the health and sanitary circumstances of the Borough for the year 1942. This report is only an Interim Report as desired by the Ministry of Health.

VITAL STATISTICS. The Birth and Death Rates per 1,000 of the population are given below:-

Birth Rate.	1942.	1941.	1940.	1939.
	14.8	13.1	10.08	14.2
Death Rate.	14.1	15.3	14.6	11.86

Owing to the extensive movement of population due to war conditions it was not possible for the Registrar General to give a "comparability factor", and this means that the figure of 14.1 given as the Death Rate is higher than would normally be the case. The figures are, however, within normal limits.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	1942.	1941.	1940.	1939.
Notifications	90	450	18	45
Deaths from	4	3	2	3

There has been no outstanding epidemic.

SCABIES. A number of cases have been notified to me but the incidence is by no way widespread.

VENEREAL DISEASES. Despite a statement made in the local Press, I have been quite unable to find any evidence that these diseases are on the increase in this area.

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CASUALTIES DUE TO ENEMY ACTION. In May, hostile aircraft dropped bombs in a residential area of the Town and there resulted a number of casualties - some unfortunately fatal. Civil Defence Services were on the spot quickly and First Aid and Rescue work was smooth and efficient.

I desire to thank the Council for the help given to me during the year under consideration, and to acknowledge with gratitude the assistance freely given to me by the Officers of your Council.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Leslie R. Philip.

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

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year
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SECTION A.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area.	Land (Acres) as extended at April 1934	5946
	Inland Waters	13
	Tidal Waters	120
	Foreshore	566
	Total	6645

Population (Census 1931 Original Borough)	6559
Population (R.G. estimate 1941 extended Borough)	8767
Number of Inhabitated Houses	2723
Number of families or seperate occupiers	2829
Rateable Value. Unreduced	£56,076
Rateable Value. Reduced	£5[illegible],658
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£198.8.2. 73.

Extracts from Vital Statistics.

		Total.	Males.	Females.	
BIRTHS	Legitimate	116	57	59	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the population. 14.8
	Illegitimate	10	4	6	
	Total	126	61	65	
STILL BIRTHS	Legitimate	3	-	3	Rate per 1,000 Live & Still-births 23.2
	Illegitimate	-	-	-	
	Total	-	-	3	
DEATHS		120	56	64	Death Rate per 1,000 of population 14.1

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:-

All Infants per 1,000 Live Births	23.81
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate Live Births	25.86
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate Live Births	NIL.

Deaths from Cancer (All Ages)	15
Deaths from Measles	0
Deaths from Whooping Cough	0
Deaths from Diarrhoea (Under 2 years of age)	0

DEATHS CLASSIFIED BY AGE

Under 1 year	3
1 and under 2	0
2 and under 5	2
5 and under 15	1
15 and under 25	1
25 and under 35	4
35 and under 45	4
45 and under 55	7
55 and under 65	18
65 and under 75	33
75 and upwards	39
Total	112 @

@ This is 8 less than the figure given by the Registrar General.

SECTION C.
Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

WATER SUPPLY. The Borough, with the exception of a few outlying portions is served by a piped supply, which is in the hands of the Corporation. The supply from Messrs Bentall & Co,Ltd. for the Parish of Heybridge has now ceased.

PUBLIC CLEANSING. This ervice is carried out by the Corporation, and collection is by a 6/7 cubic yards freighter, with a removable metal container for the reception of the contents of night soil pails.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA. Inspections and Visits have been carried out during the year by the Sanitary Inspector under the following headings:-

Housing Inspections.
Cowsheds,Dairies and Milkshops.
Infectious Diseases.
Slaughterhouses.
Nuisances.
Water Supply.
Rats and Mice Destruction Act.
Inspection of Prepared Food Premises.
Common Lodging Houses.
Factories Act,1937.
Visits re.Public Health Acts,etc.
Miscellaneous Visits and Inspections.

SECTION E.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

MILK. The Farms, Dairies and Milkshops are regularly inspected to see that the provisions of the Milk and Dairies Acts and Orders are being observed. A high standard of cleanliness was maintained during the year at these premises. Samples of Milk are taken for the Methylene Blue Reduction Test, Coliform Tests and Phosphatase Test in the case of Pasteurised Milk.

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS. The inspection of Food is carried out in accordance with the memorandum on Food Inspection issued by the Ministry of Health by a Quailified Inspector. Special attention was given to the inspection of tinned foodstuffs.

BAKEHOUSES AND PREPARED FOOD PREMISES. These premises are inspected frequently for cleanliness. Leaflets were issued during the year calling the attention of occupiers to the danger of the spread of Alimentary Infection; in accordance with Circular 2198 issued by the Ministry of Health on the subject.

SECTION F.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

There has been no outstanding epidemic. The following table gives the cases notified, together with the number of deaths.

		Deaths.
Cebro. Spinal Fever	1	0
Scarlet Fever	15	0
Erysipelas	11	0
Pneumonia	9	4
Measles	2	0
Whooping Cough	1	0
Chicken Pox	51	0
Totals.	90	4

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION. This continues favourably, the last ascertainable figures show the children immunised as follows:-

Under 5 years	75%
5 and under 15 years	95%